



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 1981

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.60). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not applicable
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																
August	5,004	5,464	25,707	32.5	8,973	8,089	34,502	28,853	685	685	502	481	29.6	29.1	321	294
September	8,612	7,707		32.1	8,231	8,083	31,793	29,445	614	609	443	430	33.0	29.4	351	282
October	10,127	8,360		30.9	8,206	8,194	29,275	29,146	629	609	479	461	35.1	29.7	394	327
November	8,818	8,136	24,060	33.1	7,927	8,521	27,939	30,662	635	675	512	482	32.0	30.2	347	294
December	6,649	8,077		31.0	7,999	8,524	25,248	29,259	653	632	448	473	28.4	31.3	r314	r300
January	6,249	8,664		22.5	7,834	8,540	27,897	34,876	728	668	312	456	12.8	37.5	119	294
February	8,751	8,437	22,798	23.8	7,521	8,477	27,424	33,618	634	675	447	450	32.2	31.9	296	316
March	9,327	8,728		23.1	8,284	8,554	32,684	36,178	691	678	523	498	32.4	29.8	r317	r309
April	8,022	8,628		32.5	7,999	8,566	32,045	34,290	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320
May	9,494	8,780	11,934	35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333
June	8,995	8,280		35.8	r9,381	r8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293
1981-82—																
July	9,089	8,917		30.9	r10,078	r8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	33.4	347	318
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r9,793	r8,828	r42,398	r35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	8,723	8,541	33,627	30,858	544	552	478	469	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	363	273

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received tonnes	% of total brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—														
August	3,769	3,257	683	722	13,026	197	195	296.5	r450	460	72,055	(c)80.7	27,639	27,543
September	3,715	3,352	771	745	13,057	214	205	299.3	r587	437	102,447	82.4		
October	4,338	3,471	1,032	833	13,725	233	214	300.4	688	436	103,574	80.7		
November	3,509	3,379	997	855	12,047	187	175	302.0	r660	435	79,198	79.0	28,173	28,277
December	2,966	3,527	775	782	9,721	182	195	304.2	r608	421	58,234	76.4		
January	1,447	3,374	516	1,025	4,334	168	179	305.9	r491	417	34,284	81.3		
February	3,703	3,835	957	841	11,463	171	174	309.1	r377	417	35,103	76.3	28,739	28,755
March	3,930	3,981	895	770	12,767	168	156	310.8	335	425	44,012	75.9		
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,145	205	221	312.5	264	427	39,732	82.5		
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	202	198	313.3	213	431	30,615	80.2	p29,276	p29,254
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	315.8	r208	421	20,014	74.6		
1981-82—														
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	r13,367	191	r182	317.5	r261	393	r36,102	r79.2		
August	4,265	3,971	798	874	12,237	r168	r173	p319.8	417	424	67,937	82.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	3,989	3,449	829	747	12,070	188	170	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers has increased its membership from August 1980 resulting in an increase in the percentage of the total wool received by Brokers.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (c) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1980-81—								
August	1,489	1,463	2,609	2,285	182	-477	264	5,533
September	1,404	1,617			184	-571	384	5,718
October	1,670	1,734			185	-619	1,072	6,094
November	1,593	1,325	2,555	2,271	185	-218	341	5,981
December	1,580	1,545			185	-322	208	5,430
January	1,672	1,406			186	-298	592	5,586
February	1,574	1,613	2,675	2,249	186	-414	367	5,172
March	1,479	1,595			185	-742	784	5,153
April	1,661	1,705			186	-484	1,036	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	2,628	2,476	186	-409	603	5,858
June	1,648	1,746			188	-555	667	5,709
1981-82—								
July	1,503	1,922			186	-921	r527	4,996
August	r1,696	1,793	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	186	-607	r336	4,696
September	1,514	1,846			n.y.a.	-753	274	4,695

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)												Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1980-81—														
August	2,552	2,640	3,814	3,919	2,549	2,637	1,331	1,402	39.3	38.2	10.0	10.4	3,001	
September	2,591	2,688							37.5	37.9	10.0	10.4	3,003	
October	2,735	2,681							40.2	38.4	10.7	10.1	3,020	
November	2,747	2,729	4,327	4,027	3,207	2,738	1,699	1,429	36.4	38.3	9.6	10.2	3,029	
December	2,751	2,778							39.9	40.8	10.0	10.1	3,049	
January	2,630	2,796							31.8	38.1	9.3	11.6	3,073	
February	2,470	2,820	4,044	4,175	2,440	2,853	1,357	1,468	35.8	38.9	10.8	11.7	3,089	
March	2,682	2,856							38.7	37.7	12.4	12.3	3,105	
April	2,716	2,812							37.2	36.8	11.7	11.9	3,118	
May	2,922	2,858	4,123	4,208	2,882	2,855	1,398	1,494	39.6	38.6	11.9	11.4	3,141	
June	2,768	2,906							42.8	41.1	13.5	11.8	3,170	
1981-82—														
July	2,904	2,947							45.1	39.8	14.1	11.9	3,212	
August	2,871	3,010	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r39.7	r38.5	r12.0	r12.4	3,232	
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p37.8	p37.3	p12.6	p12.7	n.y.a.	

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: June \$165m; July \$172m; August \$159m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (a) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (b)	Consumer price index, six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted								
	Original	Seas. adj.			All groups	Food (c)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (d)	Recreation (e)
1980-81--													
August	270.40	270.20	657.5		304.0	302.5	307.2	333.1	262.2	311.3	314.3	354.7	138.5
September			659.6			304.4							
October			661.5	1.55		307.4							
November	289.70	278.10	661.7		310.3	310.5	314.1	341.7	267.8	317.1	317.2	358.9	140.6
December			662.0			314.4							
January			686.2	1.44		317.8							
February	270.60	283.90	686.4		317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	144.5
March			686.6			316.8							
April			686.7	1.49		317.7							
May	295.00	295.00	710.9		324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	768.4	146.5
June			711.0			326.1							
1981-82--													
July			711.2	1.46		327.2							
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	711.2		331.6	334.5	329.2	367.7	286.2	341.6	339.6	372.3	150.7
September			n.y.a.			337.3							

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. In the two years since its introduction, this series has not shown sufficient variation to warrant the continuation of the survey as a monthly collection; it will now be conducted quarterly, in August, November, February and May. For further details see August issue of *Overline, Australia* (6330.0). (c) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figures as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (d) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (e) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building (b)	Materials used in other than house building (c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
1980-81 -															
August	762.4	812.5	12.8	13.6	101.9	2,531.0	2,437.3	38.5	37.1	334.4	109.7	755.0	756.6	2,125.9	2,201.7
September	767.3	726.7	13.0	12.5	123.0					337.2	110.5				
October	821.7	756.4	14.1	13.1	73.6					338.5	111.0				
November	770.8	764.3	13.1	12.9	107.2	2,283.5	2,435.9	36.0	37.3	339.6	111.4	924.5	804.3	2,267.1	2,150.5
December	763.7	793.1	12.5	12.8	112.3					340.6	111.8				
January	625.2	792.9	10.4	13.7	95.8					343.0	112.9				
February	714.1	806.7	11.6	13.0	94.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	31.5	31.9	348.1	114.2	841.2	1,027.6	2,028.5	2,324.0
March	875.6	831.5	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2				
April	828.2	852.8	13.3	13.4	99.5					352.9	115.8				
May	933.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	355.1	116.7	1,072.4	1,036.6	2,629.0	2,369.8
June	970.0	853.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8				
1981-82 -															
July	1,013.2	963.9	13.2	12.7	232.2					361.5	119.0				
August	873.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	98.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	363.1	119.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					364.8	n.y.a.				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue number 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base 1979-80 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors’ balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies		Other lenders (e) \$m			Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	\$m	\$m						
1980-81—															
August	21,592	21,518	23,278	24,205	17,901	17,938	19,889	305	232	109	11.50	608.1	2,861	2,865	
September	21,771	21,663	23,630	24,264	17,811	17,775	20,175	302	262	106	11.50		2,157	2,941	
October	22,098	21,888	24,288	24,411	18,273	17,915	20,483	358	263	130	11.58		2,487	3,005	
November	22,210	22,180	24,555	24,617	18,356	18,083	20,951	317	248	125	12.42	1,339.5	3,050	3,020	
December	22,699	22,621	25,127	24,570	18,638	18,434	21,313	327	229	121	12.85		2,513	3,189	
January	22,705	22,623	25,292	24,611	18,606	18,753	21,611	320	197	99	13.10		2,841	3,216	
February	22,959	22,837	25,564	24,520	18,595	19,022	21,836	359	181	119	13.12	796.5	3,056	3,056	
March	22,833	22,960	26,147	25,034	18,802	19,134	22,153	374	189	139	13.10		3,252	3,539	
April	22,552	22,913	26,219	25,356	19,457	19,449	22,446	375	158	129	13.15		4,767	3,377	
May	22,819	23,142	25,802	26,398	19,851	19,740	23,095	342	134	131	13.10	966.8	4,664	3,308	
June	23,218	23,202	25,935	26,897	19,714	19,841	23,465	339	128	132	13.10		3,646	3,546	
1981-82—															
July	23,257	23,254	25,977	27,067	(g)20,188	(g)20,153	23,780	373	157	118	13.60		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
August	23,342	23,271	26,126	27,166	20,097	20,138	24,117	320	150	101	14.65	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	26,845	27,386	20,503	20,457	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.60		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product						Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1979-80—														
March	27,940	29,086	1,656	1,807	26,284	27,279	17,120	17,831	4,529	4,796	3,761	4,159	2,010	2,294
June	28,497	29,959	997	1,856	27,500	28,103	18,111	18,211	5,113	4,944	4,588	4,355	2,618	2,219
1980-81—														
September	30,799	31,045	1,537	1,868	29,262	29,177	18,677	18,822	5,051	5,131	5,016	5,079	2,150	2,357
December	35,763	32,403	3,207	1,863	32,556	30,540	20,478	19,364	5,765	5,564	5,359	5,084	2,521	2,440
March	31,093	32,935	1,328	1,558	29,765	31,377	19,007	19,907	5,334	5,636	4,899	5,435	2,174	2,482
June	32,375	33,795	898	1,693	31,477	32,102	20,266	20,392	5,905	5,708	5,991	5,682	2,941	2,503
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1979-80—														
March	16,670	17,412	1,025	1,140	15,645	16,272	9,989	10,411	2,789	2,957	2,181	2,411	1,166	1,327
June	16,419	17,630	412	1,135	16,007	16,495	10,351	10,409	3,051	2,933	2,588	2,461	1,488	1,266
1980-81—														
September	17,635	17,821	739	1,046	16,896	16,775	10,449	10,531	2,919	2,975	2,754	2,784	1,178	1,289
December	20,186	17,973	1,952	993	18,234	16,980	11,280	10,652	3,166	3,060	2,884	2,737	1,355	1,312
March	16,936	17,965	835	952	16,101	17,013	10,201	10,698	2,964	3,137	2,579	2,863	1,136	1,292
June	16,991	18,042	490	1,039	16,501	17,003	10,693	10,758	3,123	3,002	3,067	2,911	1,508	1,288
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1979-80—														
March	5,544	5,505	5,591	5,690	2,912	3,358	5,803	6,230	15,333	15,703	997	6,794	4,300	18,824
June	5,407	5,496	5,581	5,528	3,557	3,719	5,228	6,486	16,009	16,183	333	8,378	6,274	18,446
1980-81—														
September	6,033	6,009	5,365	5,536	3,639	3,623	6,396	6,511	16,962	16,975	843	7,609	3,538	21,876
December	6,130	6,102	5,729	5,513	4,789	4,154	8,471	6,638	18,472	17,470	2,386	9,197	4,090	25,965
March	6,175	6,124	5,433	5,526	3,593	4,068	5,995	6,542	17,320	18,241	572	7,538	5,047	20,383
June	6,478	6,600	5,776	5,731	3,859	4,049	5,502	6,723	18,578	18,741	156	9,358	7,394	20,698

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) (' 000)							JOB VACANCIES (' 000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1980-81—														
August	4,180.0	4,200.3	2,459.0	2,468.1	6,639.0	6,668.0	193.3	139.4	59.7	209.1	183.2	392.3	30.1	
September	4,221.1	n.a.	2,509.7	n.a.	6,730.8	n.a.	197.9	137.6	70.0	211.1	194.4	405.5		
October	4,195.6	n.a.	2,466.1	n.a.	6,661.7	n.a.	180.1	127.0	68.6	194.8	180.9	375.7		
November	4,189.6	4,211.4	2,476.0	2,478.4	6,665.5	6,693.5	171.4	131.1	54.3	182.8	174.1	357.0	34.3	
December	4,306.7	n.a.	2,514.9	n.a.	6,821.5	n.a.	206.1	151.2	74.6	226.2	205.8	432.0		
January	4,251.6	n.a.	2,397.8	n.a.	6,649.4	n.a.	218.2	158.7	53.4	233.9	196.5	430.4		
February	4,271.4	4,236.8	2,473.4	2,461.9	6,744.8	6,696.6	203.6	154.7	65.8	220.0	204.1	424.1	33.5	
March	4,278.9	n.a.	2,521.0	n.a.	6,799.9	n.a.	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9		
April	4,256.2	n.a.	2,509.2	n.a.	6,765.4	n.a.	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0		
May	4,257.1	4,248.9	2,495.6	2,490.0	6,752.9	6,738.4	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7	
June	4,244.3	n.a.	2,484.9	n.a.	6,729.2	n.a.	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2		
1981-82—														
July	4,262.5	n.a.	2,501.3	n.a.	6,763.8	n.a.	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8		
August	4,245.0	4,265.8	2,488.4	2,503.7	6,733.4	6,768.5	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	34.7	
September	4,297.5	n.a.	2,559.7	n.a.	6,857.2	n.a.	p194.6	p135.2	p63.3	p210.0	p183.2			

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
('000)**

Month	Civilian employees												Defence Forces(h)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total					
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons			
1980—														
June	275.8	120.7	582.3	409.0	7.5	6.5	103.7	26.1	969.4	562.3	1,531.7	71.5	1,603.2	
July	275.8	121.6	582.7	410.4	7.5	6.6	103.3	26.1	969.3	564.6	1,534.0	71.8	1,605.8	
August	276.1	122.4	583.0	411.5	7.5	6.6	103.0	26.3	969.6	566.8	1,536.4	71.8	1,608.2	
September	276.1	122.4	582.7	414.5	7.5	6.6	103.0	26.5	969.3	570.0	1,539.3	72.0	1,611.3	
October	276.4	122.8	581.8	415.8	7.5	6.6	102.9	26.8	968.6	572.1	1,540.6	72.1	1,612.7	
November	276.4	123.3	581.5	415.9	7.6	6.6	102.9	27.3	968.3	573.1	1,541.4	72.1	1,613.5	
December	277.9	124.5	580.7	412.5	7.5	6.6	103.4	27.5	969.5	571.1	1,540.6	71.7	1,612.3	
1981—														
January	278.2	124.3	580.2	401.0	7.6	6.5	103.8	26.6	969.6	558.5	1,528.1	72.3	1,600.4	
February	278.3	124.9	581.8	414.5	7.5	6.5	103.2	27.6	970.8	573.6	1,544.3	72.4	1,616.7	
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	578.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6	
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	971.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6	
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9	
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0	
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9	

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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